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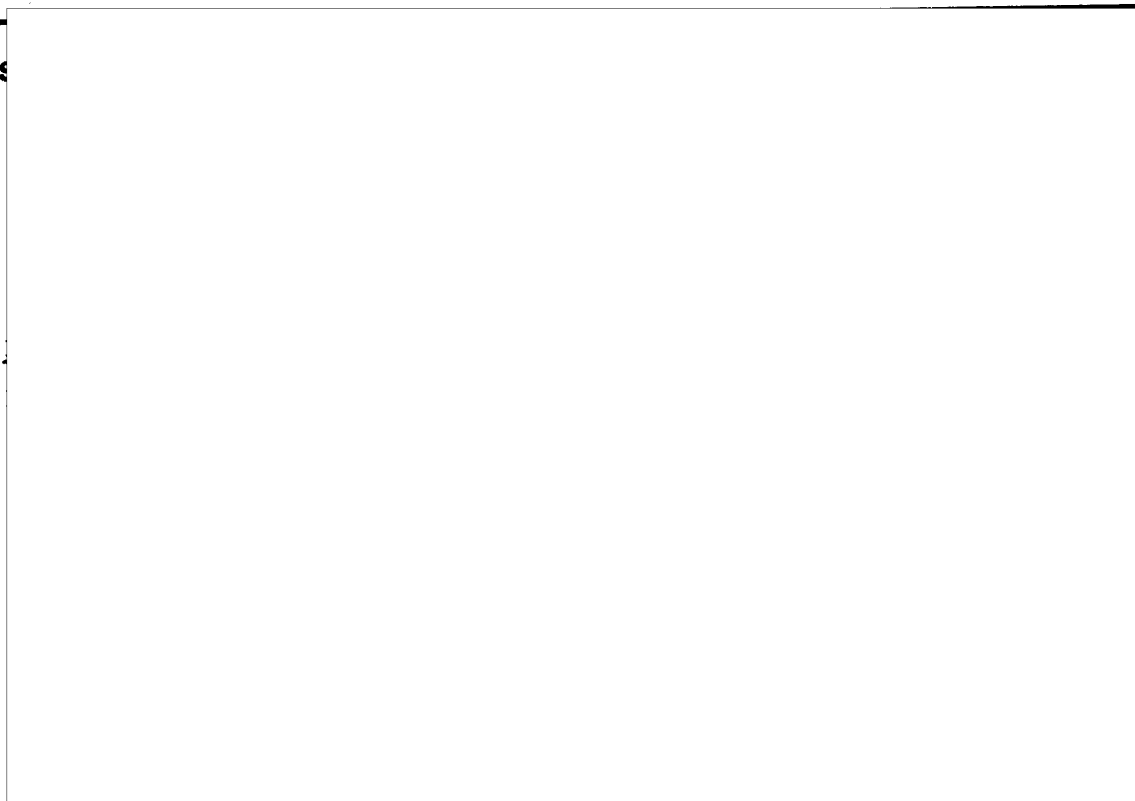
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3. in October 1949 at Wroclaw, there were 1,000 candidates for officers' school, but only 400 were accepted. The criteria for deferment and/or rejection were the following:

- a. Political Reasons: a candidate was rejected if his father had ever been arrested for political reasons, if his father was ever a member of the old Polish Armed Forces or if any of his relatives lived outside of Poland.
- b. Education: a candidate had to have nine years of formal education. He could be accepted if he had only seven years schooling on the condition that he would complete two more years while in the service.

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- c. **Physical Status:** a candidate was not accepted if he had TB, flat feet, poor eyesight or a heart condition. These physical factors were also applicable to the draftees called up in 1949-1953. The officer candidate had to know how to swim and be able to run 100 m. in 10-14 seconds.
- d. **Political Organization Affiliation:** membership in the Union of Polish Youth (Zwiazek Mlodziezy Polski - ZMP) or in the Polish United Workers Party (Polska Zjednoczona Partia Robotcza - PZPR) was not compulsory for officer candidates. I joined the ZMP while I was in the officer candidate school.
4. Of the 1,000 prospective officer candidates, I know, from observation and hearsay, that the majority were of the class of 1930, but there were also candidates from the 1928-1929 and 1931-1932 classes. On call-ups of eligible Armed Forces personnel in 1952-1953, draftees had no choice of branch of service; volunteers could make their choice of branch of service, but seldom got it.
5. In September 1952, the remainder of the class of 1931 was called up and the first contingent of the 1932 class. In March 1953, mainly prospective officer candidates of the class of 1932 were called up. In June 1953 other members of the class of 1932 were called up. In September 1953, the remainder of the 1932 class was to be called up as well as deferred members of the 1929-1931 classes. I have no information on draftee or volunteer percentage figures, "double call-ups", or any prospective change in the call-up system. In the Army, WOP and KBW the oldest class on duty in 1933 was the class of 1929, and the youngest class was that of 1932.

Term of Service

6. In January-February 1953, Maj. (fnu) GESIOROWSKI, [redacted] the following information concerning the tour of service as directed and ordered for all Armed Forces by Marshal ROKOSSOVSKI, Minister of National Defense:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Branch of Service</u> | <u>Tour of Service</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Armed Forces Officers | All branches | 10-15 yrs. |
| Pvt. - Draftee | Infantry | 18-20 months |
| Reg. Army Pvt. - Sgt. | Infantry | 2 yrs. |
| Reg. Army, Jr. and Sr. Sgt. | Infantry | 4 yrs. |
| Non-Reg. Army NCO | Infantry | 2 yrs. |
| Reg. and Non-Reg. Pvts. | Artillery | 2 yrs. |
| Reg. and Non-Reg. NCOs | Artillery | 3 yrs. |
| Non-Reg. NCOs and Pvts. | Air Force | 3 yrs. |
| Seamen | Navy | 4 yrs. |

The program for retention of regular army NCOs in service included promise of more privileges, grade advancement, better uniforms, and better pay. The military fiscal year, incidentally, was from September to September.

Reserve Training

7. Offensive and defensive tactics, terrain analysis, weapon nomenclature training for three months to one year was included in the reserve officer program. I have no information concerning reserve training for NCOs and Pvts.

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**Ages in Grade of Polish Officers**

8. The approximate ages in grade of Polish officers in the Armed Forces were as follows:

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|
| WO | 21-30 |
| 2nd Lt. | 21-32 |
| 1st Lt. | 25-36 |
| Capt. | 30-40 |
| Maj. | 40 and over |
| Lt. Col. and higher | 45 and over |

Officers with the rank of major and higher who were under 40 years old were definitely exceptions.

KBW

9. Polish National Security Corps (KBW) units were located in all big Polish cities. The following is all the information I have on order of battle for WOP and KBW units:

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Subord- ination</u> | <u>Cover No. and Name</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>CO and Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <u>U/17</u> WOP unit | Unknown | Unknown | Przemysl | Hearsay |
| <u>U/17</u> WOP unit | - | - | Olsztyn | Personal observation |
| <u>U/17</u> WOP unit | - | - | Flowidlo | Personal observation |
| <u>U/17</u> Wop unit | - | - | Nad Odra | Personal observation |
| <u>U/17</u> Wop unit | - | - | Swiradow | Personal observation |
| <u>U/17</u> KBW unit | - | - | Zdroj | Personal observation |

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